



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 427

LCO No. 2088



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC TRUST COMPONENTS OF THE
STATE WATER PLAN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-15 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 It is hereby found and declared that there is a public trust in the air,
4 water, except private drinking wells, and other natural resources of the
5 state of Connecticut and that each person is entitled to the protection,
6 preservation and enhancement of the same. It is further found and
7 declared that it is in the public interest to provide all persons with an
8 adequate remedy to protect the air, water, except private drinking
9 wells, and other natural resources from unreasonable pollution,
10 impairment or destruction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-15
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide that private drinking wells are not held in the public trust and therefore not subject to regulation by the state water plan.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]